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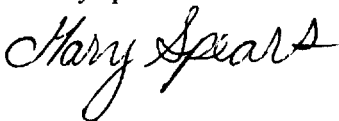
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DOCKET # 98N-1038: IRRADIATION IN THE PRODUCTION, PROCESSING & HANDLING OF FOOD

Dear Dr. William Trotter:

This letter is in regards to labeling foods that have been irradiated. I disapprove of irradiation because of the possible health and environmental consequences; however, since it has been decided that irradiation is safe and that it is a desirable process, you should at least give the public the right to choose whether we want to buy irradiated foods or not. Irradiated products should be clearly labeled with non-misleading language. It should be easy for the consumer to see, and easy to understand. If irradiation is something that will affect us positively, then why wouldn't you want to advertise it? If it is something the public doesn't want and would not choose if notified that a product is irradiated, why irradiate? Consumers have a right to choose what we put into our bodies. Please label irradiated products.

Sincerely,
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